PRICE ONE CENT

WORK FOR ALL, AT ALL TIMES, PLANNED BY BIG MEN OF CITY

Conference in Mayor's Office, Participated in by Leaders in Business and Industry, Discusses Legislation.

A permanent solution of the problem of the unemployed in Philadelphia through special legislative enactment, the nature of which will be determined after an exhaustive investigation of the nature and causes of the city's unemployed problems, was outlined this afternoon at an executive session of Mayor Blankenburg's Cabiin financial and industrial circles were invited to give an exchange of views.

The session continued for more than two hours in the private office of the Mayor. Those who attended declined to state what took place, referring all questioners

what took place, referring all questioners to the Mayor himself, who gave out the following statement:

"It was the general sentiment that the present unemployment in this city is to a great extent due to defects inherent in our industrial situation, the fact that employment is largely sensonal and is also largely casual and interrupted. There was a strong sentiment that the present situation is only temporary and that the amount of unemployment is not so large, but that it could be reasonably taken care of, so far as permanent residents of Philadelphia are concerned, by a general effort to divide existing employment among the greatest possible number of workers and to find new employment for orkers and to find new employment fo

workers and to find new employments as many workers as possible.

"It was thought that this effort should be made not only by the municipality itself and by large employers of labor, but also by householders of ample or moderate means. It was unanimously agreed that Theretes Cooks should appoint to am that Director Cooke should appoint to an existing vacancy in the Department of Public Works, a man competent to gather all obtainable facts as to the resent situation, and to devise means for bringing tion, and jobs together and to collect such data as might be made the basis of future legislative action looking to the perma-ment solution of the problem of unem-ployed and a large and comprehensive

Those who attended the conference in addition to the Mayor and the six Di-sectors were Samuel Rea, president of the of the Wanamaker store; Louis Bloch, local manager of the Ford Motor Company; J. W. Van Dyke, president of the Atlantic Refining Company; Leuis L. Noib, president of the Kolb Bakery Com-pany, and Howell Cummings, president of the John B. Stetson Company.

The position referred to in the state-ment given out by the Mayor is that of special inspector in the Department of Public Works. The post was made vacant recently by the resignation of Arthur E. Post, who accepted the place of statistical clerk in the new Federal Reserve Bank.

THE WEATHER



After all, it's largely a matter of comparison, len't it? For instance, when you got up this morning and gazed at the thermometer outside the kitchen door you breathed a sigh of relief. "Ha!" you remarked, "it's up to 23. Quite warm today. We don't seem to have those good old-fashioned winters any more, somehow or other." And then you went upstairs and put on the light-weight summer variety which you had discarded a short time ago because the thermometer dropped "away down to 28 and we had our first touch of real winter weather." You found out your mistake, perhaps, when you became aware of the frigid condition of your lower extremities as you waited for the car at the corner this morning. of your lower extremities as you waited for the car at the corner this morning. Which all goes to prove one thing in parfoular among several in general. It's still cold, if it isn't colder!

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; elightly warmer tonight; gentle variabla winds.

For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia 8 A. M. 8. W. 11 inttes

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Skating Today

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PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1914.

1000 BOY SCOUTS MARCH INTO CURTIS BUILDING TO EXPLORE BIG PUBLISHING PLANT



Members of Philadelphia Troop assembled in Independence Square today and in columns of four proceeded to the great building at 6th and Walnut streets, where they were shown how three national magazines are gotten out at once. They began at the top and went to the bottom, inspecting all departments.

POLICE RISK LIVES TO SAVE MEN FROM SCALDING STEAM

Fight Their Way Blindly to Victims of Explosion.

Two men were scalded, one so seriously that he may die, at 8 o'clock this morn-ing, when the cylinder head of a boiler blew out at the pipe-making plant of Henry B. Pancoast & Co., 940 North Front street. Two pollcemen risked their lives to rescue the injured men. The injured men are Harry H. Hoag-land, of 2741 North Eth street, engineer, and John Marks, a Negro, his fireman, of 223 Fairmount avenue. Both are in the Roosevell-Hospital, Hoagland is scalded so hadly from the waist down that physicians do not believe he will re-cover. The fireman will live but he is that physicians do not believe he will recover. The fireman will live, but he is
terribly scaticed about the shoulders and,
will less the sight of one eye, it is feared.
Policemen Taylor and Caspar, of the
Front and Master streets station, heard
the sound of the explosion, which
smeshed several windows in the front of
the four-story pipe plant and parily
wrecked a front wall. They entered by
the front door and plunged into the basement, which was filled with steam.
Blindly fighting their way, the blue-

Bundly fighting their way, the blue-coats stambled over the the uncon-scious bodies of the engineer and firemen and managed to carry them to the street. Engine Company No. 21, New-market and Poplar streets, responded to

Hoagland and Marks had just started the fire beneath the boiler when the ex-plosion occurred. Hoagland narrowly missed being struck by the heavy cylinder head. His hands were badly lacerated by flying pieces of fron. Marks' hands also were cut. An investigation failed to determine the cause of the explosion

UNLUCKIEST DAY IN YEAR

Childermas Commemorates Slaughter of the Innocents.

This is Innocents' Day. It also is variously known as Holy Innocents' Day and Childermas, in commemoration of the slaughter of the innocents ordered by King Herod, according to the Gospel of St. Matthew, in the hope of destroying among them the infant flaviour.

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It is still considered by many, as by every one in ancient times, the most unlucky day in the entire year, No one ever married on Childermas or started any other undertaking, and some house-wives would not even de housework in mediaval times. nedieval times.
Old-time parents considered it their

duty to whip their children on innocents' Day, thus to drive home the lesson of the slaughter of the innocents. Later this practice developed into something of a frolic, and only those who falled to get up before their elders were subjected to

real caning. Two great men were born on Childerman Day—Thomas Henderson, astronomer, 1798, at Dundee, and Alexander Ketth Johnstone, geographer, 1804. Many noted persons have died on December 28, notably Thomas Bahington Macaulay, the histerian, in 1859.

TWO BURNED IN EXPLOSION

Coal Gas Wrecks Stove and Scatters Burning Coals.

Two persons were injured at noon today by an explosion of coal gas in a stove at the home of Mrs. Samuel Steace. Sist street and Madison avenue. The stove was wrecked and burning coals thrown about the kitchen.

Mrs. Steacs and har 17-months-old son. Jacob, are at the University Hospital. The woman is so badly burned she may not live. The child is in a serious condition.

A defective flue that allowed coal gas to accumulate in the stove is thought to have been responsible for the accident. Mrs. Steams was preparing dinner at the time. Her clothing was ignited by the redhot couls that were thrown about the room. His managed to estinguish the flamms and ran to the street with her baby. Weighbors put out the dre in the

John E. McGucker. M years old, of 2000 lipowe street, died at the Carreit- and Respital chorthy after he was found inconscious on the payellent at Eth and Callowhill etreets pustering. His death at Houston Hall. Dr. Charles W. Ellot, man due to urenth come. His widow, Mrs. Margaret McGooker, stryives. Falls in Street, Dies in Hospital

BRAIN WORK KILLS, SAYS SAVANT, WITH INSIDIOUS MALADY

Disease Not Diagnosed, Declares Dr. Bishop, But Saps Vitality Thinkers Without Pain's Warning.

nuscle workers, and scientists, research workers, deep thinkers and men of affairs diagnosable disease which does not men ace those who do physical toll.

This is the theory, backed by years of observation and study, of Prof. Louis F. Bishop, of the Medical School of Fordham University of New York. It was advanced at this afternoon's session of a local slarm turned in by one of the the 66th annual convention of the Ameripolicemen, but there was no fire. The can Association for the Advancement of damage to the plant is estimated at Science before the social and economic Science before the social and economic science section.

"The man who concentrates his mind on deep study and abstract thought loses his taste for vacations, light literature and amusements of all kinds after a while. When this happens he is in danger of the most insidious of diseases," said Doctor Hishop. "He may feel perfectly well; no doctor, using ordinary methods of examination, could find anything wrong with him, but he is slowly dying. In consequence of this, many leaders in the world of thought and research are found wearing out in the fifties, and near-ly all the rest of them in the sixtles."

"The degeneration process is a disease without symptoms," he said, "except when some organ has been so far damaged as to be unable to do its work properly. Indeed, an insidious rise of blood pressure and the poisoning of the body by proteins may be accompanied by a sense of well-being.

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"A man of active affairs is in danger when he loses the fatigue sense so that his capacity for work seems to be increased at 50, when it ought to be the same as, or less than in youth; when the color becomes higher and the capacity is lost for relaxation, light literature, vacations, society and same amusements.

NO WARNING BELL OF PAIN. "That man has a sclerotic tendency-

hardening of the arteries'-and it is high time for him to look to himself. He feels fine, has no symptoms of filness of any sort and would laugh to scorn the suggestion that he is in danger. This is the worst feature of degeneration in its earliest stages; it rings no warning bell of pain; it creeps on a man so subtly, so insidiously that he does not know he fall and would ridicule a physician who warned him.
"But the disease is all over his body

and very often the Very cause of his

superabundant high spirits and immunity to fatigue. It has progressed so far that his blood pressure has increased. This gives him a false sense of well-being and deseives him and his friends, but tells its own story when his blood pressure is measured.

Nisures abowing the increase in cancer and stomach disease were given in a paper by Frederick L. Stoffman, statistician of the Prudential Insurance Company. Investigation in Philadelphia, Boston, New York and New Orleans showed that many of the diseases which caused a high mortality in the beginning of the hast cantury had been wiped out. Tuberculosis had proved mecapitible to treatment. Cancer, according to Mr. Hoffman, has increased in the four cities from to per cent in 1888 to 93 per cent in 1812. per cent in 1880 to 73 per cent in 1812. DOCTOR MLIDT ATTENDS MESTING. Provisions for maintaining research

1000 BOY SCOUTS TOUR **CURTIS COMPANY'S PLANT**

See How 175 Tons of Publications Are Turned Out Daily. For more than an hour today the cor-

dors of the Curtis Publishing Company's building, opposits Independence Square, echoed with the footsteps of 1990 Boy Scouts who, as the guests of the company, explored various departments of the plant under the direction of 25 guides.

Marshaled by J. Woodbridge Patton. Deputy Scout Commissioner, and Afred Loeb, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 35, the scouts marched in columns of four the scouts marched in columns of four from Boy Scout headquarters, 6th and Chestout streets, across independence Square to the building.

They were welcomed by N. E. Crowell, manager of the troop finance section of

manager of the troop Rhance section of the company, and taken to the 10th floor. Here they were divided into companies and made their way slowly down through the building.

From the top floor, where the auditorium, rest rooms, library, kitchen and recreation room are provided for the comfort of the 3500 employes, to the basement, the journey was all too swift for the eager eyes of the scouts.

The route of impection included the dining rooms, the editorial and art departments, the bindery, the press rooms and the shipping department, where more than 175 tons of publications are sent out

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MORE THAN A DOZEN OVERCOME BY GAS

One Woman in a Hospital and Others Made Ill When Main Bursts. One woman is in the hospital and more than a dozen were overcome as the re-sult of the bursting of a gas main at Kensington avenue and Wishart street early this morning. While many of the residents of 1838, 1840, 1842 and other houses on Wishart street were preparing

for breakfast the fumes were discovered. Several families were still in bed. Mrs. Clara Willets, 45 years old, of 1841 Wishart street, fell in a fainting condition, but was finally carried in safety to the street. She was taken to the Episcopal Hospital, where it is said that she

pal Hospital, where it is said that she probably will recover.

Others who were overcome were:
Jennie Pisher, 71 years old: Thomas Kramer, 33 years: May Kramer, 11 years: John Kramer, 8 years: Raymond Kramer, 5 years, and Robest Kramer, 2 years, all of 1838 Wishart street. Andrew Maclivain, 52 years old, and Minnie Maclivain, 21 years, both of 1842 Wishart street: Marie Tickly, 11 years old, of 1840 Wishart street. They were treated by Doctor Deemer, of They were treated by Doctor Deemer, of 1851 East Allesheny avenue, in their homes and will all recover, Beveral rescues were made. Mrs. Flaher

and several of the smaller children were carried from their homes and many feared an explosion. The escaping fumes only entered houses on Wishart street.

WILSON WILL VETO TEST OF IMMIGRANTS' LITERACY President's Adherents Fight This

. Feature of Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A determined effort will be made by President Wilson and his adherents in Congress to prevent the passage of the immigration bill this

The President will vato the measure if it comes to him with the literacy test included in it, as now seems inevitable.

SOLDIERS KILL DUCK HUNTER Two Men Shot by Canadians Patrol-

ing Frontier.

BUFFALO, N. T., Dec. H.-Canadian soldiers pateoling the frontier near Fort Eric today fixed upon books containing duck hunters. Waiter Smith, a lake fireman, of Buffalo, was instantly killed, and Charles Dorsch probably fatally wounded.

MAN DEAD FROM GAS

Body Found in Booming House 24 House Later.

Afted Souther, it years old, a waiter employed in the Sellavus-Stratford Hotel, was found dead on the Sour of his room at Hi North sith street this norming. He had been suphystated by illuminating gas and had been dead for more than it hours, physicians at the Hahnsusann County and Hickness had been found in the Hahnsusann County and the Hahnsusann him is reasonable to the street of the stre

COURTS A HANDICAP TO POLICE, PORTER TELLS MINISTERS

Magistrates Also Obstruct Department's Work by Wholesale Releasing of Prisoners, He Says.

an attack on the courts, City Councils and Magistrates today in an address before the Philadelphia Ministerial Asso-

ciation in Wesley Hall. The address went further than his talk of a week ago before the Reformed Ministers' Association, when he declared the Police Department was handicapped in its efforts to carry out the desires of the public because of the frequent pardons on parole by the course and the lendency shown men and women arrested when

they come before the Judges.
Referring to Judge Sulaberger's attack on him following his address to the Reformed clergymen, in which the jurist called the Director "a mere child, a mere baby and utterly incompetent," Mr. Por-

ter said: "I come before you not to refute a state ment I made before the Reformed min-isters, but to add to it. I want to thank Judge Sulsberger for his dignified statement. It is not my intention to quarrel with him . The police have been trying to end complaints, but the prisoners are released so often without any sentence, or so soon after they have been sentenced that it has been impossible."

PORTER'S ARGUMENT.

Director Porter had a bundle of official papers with him to uphold his statements, and pointed out case after case to show that the men and women sentenced to the House of Correction were not compelled to serve the sentences mposed on them.

He particularly mentioned the com-laints about "women of the streets." n many cases they are released on write issued by the courts almost before the have begun to serve their sentences, he said. In one week, he said, there were the women released on write from the House of Correction, not to mantion the number given their freedom from the county order.

number given their freedom from the county prison.

Director Porter also asverely criticised the methods of many magistrates in releasing prisoners because of political pressure brought upon them by ward isaders. Frequently, he asserted, men are discharged without the magistrates even hearing the evidence the politomen have to submit. One of the worst offenders, the Director said, was Magistrate Briggs, the prisoners, they would have seen men given their liberty insmediately after the magistrate was informed by some person that the prisoner was the latter's friend.

COUNCILS PART. COUNCILS PART.

Blame for the fallure to more thornighly enforce the Sunday closing law Mr. Porter placed upon the Councils. He said that, in order to get evidence that would assure conviction of prison that would assure conviction of prison-ers, it would be necessary for the police-men to outhay many delians of their own money, as it was necessary for them to buy articles themselves. Only re-cently, he said. Councils voted an ap-propriation for money advanced for a loss time by the policemen, and he also called attention to the fact that there had been no money set aside for such work in 1818.

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Ope of the clerarymen said at the close of Director Porter's address that there would be no trouble about these things after "Billy" Sunday got through here.

The association unanimously voted to send copies of resolutions of commandation to Compressman Hobson and the other members of the National House of Representatives who had voted for the Hobson prohibition resolution last week.

To Raise Aphthons Fever Quarantine LANCASTER, Ps. Dec. II.—Inspectors fighting aphthous favor in Lancautar County amounced today that the quaruntine regulations would be modified about January 1, the discusse having ring the causes Today II retentations because a systematic impositions of the fatms. Time free all informing win he releaves at

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

GERMAN

Nothing of importance happened yesterday in Flanders. English ships appeared off the coast this morning. The enemy made an unsuccessful advance movement yesterday at Albert, in the direction of Boiselle, which was followed by a successful counter-at-

ick by our troops early this morning. The French attacks in Meurissons, in the Argonne and southeast of Verdun, broke down under our fire. In upper Alsace the French attacked our posttions east of the Thann-Dammerkirch lime, but all these assaults were revealed.

During the first hours of the night yesterday the French gained possession of an important height east of Thann, but were thrown back after a vigorous counter-attack, and the height remained in our possession to-

day.

In Poland our attacks on branches of
The Baura and Rawka Rivers (west of
Warsaw) resulted in slight progress.
Southeast of Tomaszow (on the Pilica)
our offensive continued successfully.
In the western theatre of war the
enemy unsuccessfully renewed has attacks at Niesport. He was supported by firing from ships at sea. This did not damage in, but killed and wound-ed a few inhabitants of Westende.

An attack on the hamlet of St. Georges also falled. We took some dozens of prisoners in this attack. Several violent attacks by the enemy northwest of Arras were repulsed. The enemy unsuccessfully repeated his attacks southeast of Verdun. He similarly falled in an attempt to recapture the heights west of Sennhein (in Alsace), for which we fought yes

There is no news from East Prussia or Poland north of the Viatula.
Our attacks are developing on the left bank, notwithstanding unfavorable weather.

FRENCH In Belgium we continue to advance. A little west of Lombacrtsyde we have A little west of Lombacturde we have gained a foothold on the dunes upon which the enemy had established lines of resistance, and to the south of Ypras we have lost part of a trench. Near Hollobeke, in the region of Lenis and near Claency, the enemy has yielded 500 yards of trenches of the first line before our attack.

In the valley of the Aisne and in Champagne there have been intermittent cannonades, particularly in-

mittent cannonades, particularly in-tense in the region of Rhelms and in that of Portese, where the enemy has paid particular attention to the posi-tions which we captured west of that

On the heights of the Meuse there has been a slight progress by our troops slong the entire front. In the Vosges the enemy has bombarded the forts of St. Die.

In Upper Alsace, to the northeast of Steinbach, a German counter attack has been repulsed.

AUSTRIAN

The situation in the Carparthlans is unchanged. Our forces were forced to withdraw a little before the Rus-sian attacks between Rymanow and Tuchew in the Galician Carpathlans. The enemy's attacks on the lower Dunajec and lower Nida failed. Bat-les in the neighborhood of Tomazow

Balkan territory belonging to the dual monarchy, with the exception of altogether unimportant frontier regions of Bosnia. Hersegovina and Soutnern Dalmatia, is clear of the en-

A narrow strip of land called Brissa Budua has been occupied by the Montanegrins since the beginning of the war. Their attack at Cattary fatiled completely. As the bombardment by the French fleet of the count fortresses also falled the naval harbor is therefore securely in our hands. There are some Montanegrin divisions on Herzegovinian territory and there are some Servian forces on the east line of the Drina from Pocha to Yishessad that have not retreated even during our offwhite.

TURKISH

The Turkish Seet sailed through the Black See and returned undamnaged. One of our warehije test a Russian Sect of H units and attacked them. It bembarded the line this Realinay and sana ten under layers, capturing two officers and 30 marines, (taker paris of our feet ambrackely bembarded listents on Berender the Error of our feet and the property bembarded listents on Berender the

CZAR BACK IN TARNOW; FOE RETREATS ON GALICIA LINE

Retakes Strategic Centre West of Cracow in Drive Toward Galician Stronghold - Vienna Admits Withdrawal Along Forty-Mile Front

Russian Offensive on Bzura River Halts German Attempts at Passage-Kaiser Rushing Heavy Siege Guns to Poland Front to Batter Warsaw Outposts.

The Russian army in northern Galicia has seized Tarnow and advance to the Cracow objective is made easier along the Galician from by an Austrian retirement, ada, ed in the Vienna official reports. Both speedy attainment of the Cracow goal and a new invasion of Hungary are forecast by Petrograd as the result of the new Galician offensive, though Vienna reports repulses of the foe in the Car-

Germans have ceased aggression along the Bzura and are awaiting the arrival of heavy siege guns to renew the contest for control of strategic streams west of Warsaw.

The German counter attacks upon the Allies' lines south of Ypres are winning some ground. The Berlin official statement today claims and the communique of the French War Office admits the capture of a section of trenches by the Kaiser's forces near Hollebeke. / Both aides, however, claim the advantage in the fighting along the coast, in which the Allied fleet is again participating, and in the battle that is raging at the other extremity of the battle line in Alsace.

Turkish warships routed 17 units of the Russian naval forces in the Black Sea, according to a Constantinople official statement. The battleship Rostislav was attacked and the Russians fied. Batum was successfully. bombarded, according to the Turkish statement.

CZAR BACK IN TARNOW IN NEW GALICIAN DRIVE

Forward Movement on Cracow Resistless, Petrograd Asserts.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 12.
Under the eyes of Emperor Nicholas,
the Russian armies in Poland are taking
the offensive all along the line. The hard est fighting is along the Pilica River, where both Germans and Russians are Concluded on Page Four

BODY OF MAN SIX DAYS IN RUINS: PROBE BEGUN

Employe of Killen Company Suffe-

cated in Fire. Investigation to fix responsibility for the death of John Loftus, whose body was found this morning in the bursed wallpaper establishment of C. M. N. Rifwallpaper establishment of C. M. N. Ell-len, 123 Filbert street, was started early this afternoon by Coroner Enight.

The Coroner made a personal investi-gation of the burned building after the body had been found by Albert Hammin, a fireman of truck No. 2. He learned Lotten was found beneath a shelving The Coroner says he had to stoop in reach the spot.

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"It is almost impossible to believe." said Coroner Knight, "that the hady of a man burned or suffocated to death in a building could lie undiscovered from Tuneday until the following. Some one is at fault. Who it is I shall not know until after the inquest muy the death is held, but I intend to more an investigation to fix the responsibility. The Coroner and his detective, Frank Paul, united in declaring the building a "death-trap." Coroner Knight says there was no fire-sucape from the ascording to the third floor so the Filbert alrest alds of the building which was burned has Tuesday night. A man on the Unit floor would have had to drop along the free-eccape.

QUITE SUMMERY TODAY

Mercury Reaches 33 Degrees at & O'clock.

A temperature of Il degrees at I s'elos this afternoon made the encoupling Pathodolphia seem belong and make a composition with the frigid make a control. Prospects are for all loss comportion with the fright wave last could. Prospects are for ellis laging temperatures, with alignity dendry materials to market and temperature.

The backbone of the said wave in backing, according to Westler Ferrands. Plus, and that parameter wave slip is in many plus and food Crapking is built despite. We I wave to the parameter wave slip is to make the plus and food Crapking in built despite.